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If our friends who favor us with manuscripts and illustrations for publication wish to have rejected articles returned they must in all cases

### send stamps for that purpose. A Wicked One on True Goodness.

That old Republican Emissary Buck the Hon. JOSEPH GURNEY CANNON IS capering and butting viciously in the wilderness to which he was sent amid the joyous bleating of all the sheep:

"I believe that the Wilson Administration has given the average American less to eat than he had under a Repub-

Wicked words, natural to this man of sin. Doesn't he know that under for every man, woman, child and Insame has only gone up 30 per cent.?

#### A Principle Not Founded on Personality.

erto acceptable contributions to the open to attack. must be rejected.

private generosity for the support of any of its operations, not because even a generous man may be a rascal, but in a hateful position of dependence, in- of moral right belong to them thus compatible with dignity and absolute confiscated. Their blood and resources lation cannot take from the man who only that Austria and Italy should meets the bills the final power of di- profit? These two stout little realms of Appeals? rection, and the Government should not are understood to have an offensive allow itself under any circumstances to serve a private master.

Cooperation between public and pri vate agencies is not difficult to bring about. Withdrawal of the Government from partnership with any altruistic fulness. In our opinion the United to all three of late. States should pay its own way, and the burden should fall on the taxpayers, land, manages his business as seems wise to him, but because private control of the purse from which public years. servants are paid creates conditions full of danger to the State.

Wolverine Geographers. Now that "several thousands" of Michmay be regarded as in full official progress. The popular will is aroused; the reactionary scientists, with their technicalities and red tape, will feel the wrath of an aroused electorate.

vanueville audience that has heard the cal Association, has been a growth of lecture delivered by Dr. Cook would many years, and the need of preservavote against his assertion that he tion of its integrity is apparent. reached the pole. Is this not full and

They obstruct the vision and hamper the imagination. Out upon them!

north of Painted Post.

#### King Samuel.

The Hon. SAMUEL GOMPERS, head of that supreme court of cassation and supergovernment the American Federation of Labor, has vetoed the Presi-DAILY AND SUNDAY, Per Month.... 75 dent's veto and put the black spot on every Congressman that has dared or shall hereafter dare to sustain that

"To vote to sustain any Presidential veto is contrary to democracy, for the President's veto is nothing but an inheritance of the royal prerogative. It is an action THE EVENING SUN (Foreign), Per Mo. 1 03 which should damn, I mean politically, any man among all Democrats."

summer months can have the daily and Sun-day and evening editions delivered to them pers will attend to it. He forbids trust legislation that does not recognize or The Vice-President at Hollywood. extend the special privileges of his order. He forbids the forbidding of its power to bulldoze and to ruin. He forbids the reelection of Congressmen rebellious to his edicts.

#### New Crisis in the Balkans.

The Albanian bubble seems to have burst and the Balkan question again becomes acute. The danger of a European war which is always involved brave man." may become very serious through the rival aspirations of Austria and Italy to become the pacificators and proprietors of the territory which Prince WILL- to JEFFERSON DAVIS, but for plucking IAM of Wied has been unable to rule.

a desperate struggle. They hoped to the matter had better be dropped. keep the entire country, the people being Hellenic and eager for annexation portant places in Albania, reaching money and incriminating papers. Adabove all things to hold the country so that the problem of her commercial development might be solved through the possession of her own seaports.

The Powers vetoed both of these aspirations. Austria, claiming an ancient protectorate over the Christians of Althe new dispensation and tariff two "national impulses" of the Albanians, There is no doubt as to the guilt of these bania, made a pretext of asserting the ounces of beef a month is imported who are really groups of wild tribesmen in the patriarchal stage of civdian untaxed, and that the price of the ilization. As Albania proper is in-

was that sooner or later northern Epirus would fall into her power. She sonality.

Apparently it is the theory of certain statesmen in Washington that the Government may with entire propriety allow a person not unpopular to pay the bills for governmental activities.

To the Editor of The Sun—Sir: Scarcely from the skiff for about 100 feet or so. To the Editor of The Sun—Sir: Scarcely from the skiff for about 100 feet or so. This work a woman from the skiff for about 100 feet or so. The sun—Sir: Scarcely from the skiff for about 100 feet or so. The sun and to hold it from the skiff for about 100 feet or so. The sun and the had hold of, so I cruised to reak work a woman from the skiff for about 100 feet or so. The sun and the had hold of, so I cruised to reak work a woman from the skiff for about 100 feet or so. The sun and the had hold of, so I cruised to reak work a woman from the skiff for about 100 feet or so. The sun and the had hold of, so I cruised to reak work a woman from the skiff for about 100 feet or so. The sun and the had hold of, so I cruised to reak work a woman from the skiff for about 100 feet or so. The sun and the had hold of, so I cruised to reak what he had hold of, so I cruised to reak work a woman from the skiff for about 100 feet or so. The sun and in at least one of the accidents a motorcycle is involved. It generally happens that way.

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public purse should be refused. Thus The possible opportunity for Austhey hold that Mr. ROCKEFELLER'S trian and Italian intervention comes money, expended through the General sooner than any one expected, perhaps Education Board, was worthy of ac- sooner than was quite desired. If the ceptance until the Colorado coal strike two Powers can avoid falling out over made it fashionable among demagogues the division of the spoil they may apto paint Mr. Rockefeller as a most pear to-morrow pouring in their troops of an immigration official. reprehensible person, but that it now to restore order, Austria in her sphere of influence to the north and Italy to This is narrowing to mere personality the south. They will go in as the a question that involves an important agents of Europe, presumably to reprinciple. It would be highly unfortu- store peace, but when will they retire? nate for the Government to depend on Will it not be a case of Bosnia and Herzegovina over again?

Then the question arises whether Servia and Greece will submit to have because the Government would be put the provinces they desire and which self-control. The most ingenious regu- wrested them from the Turks: was it and defensive alliance with Rumania, and the three together could put up a formidable fight. But would they be alone? At least there is reason to think that Russia would join with them in resisting the Austro-Italian society will not restrict its field of use- grab, and France has been very friendly

The situation is full of peril. There are other elements of trouble all over not because JOHN D. ROCKEFELLER, un- the Balkan region, and it will take the der constant menace of the law of the best efforts of all the chancelleries to smooth out the situation without a re newal of the horrors of the last two

## Short Sighted Economy.

The army appropriation bill which passed the United States Senate some weeks ago contained a small appropriigan true believers have accepted Dr. ation for the library of the Surgeon-Cook's discovery of the north pole General's office, which has for a long and petitioned Congress to "recognize" | time been noted all over the world as that eminent authority on the diet of the most valuable collection of medical the Eskimos as the first white man works extant. Under the wise adminto reach the spot from which all travel istration of the late Dr. John S. Bill. must be toward the south, the campaign INGS, who is well known as the organfor the recall of geographic authority izer of our great city library, it rose to eminence as an inexhaustible mine of scientific information, which by reason of the liberality of Congress was made available for reference to the whole world. Its development, justly It is proudly asserted that not a says the Journal of the American Medi-

In spite of this indisputable fact an convincing testimony that he did reach amendment was sneaked in as a rider the pole? Of what use are observa- to this paltry appropriation for its tions, records, the accumulations of toll- maintenance and adopted by the Senme explorations? They merely impede ate providing for the amalgamation of

the colorful narrative of purple snows. this enormously valuable collection of special works with the general Congressional Library. There is abso-As for Peary, he is sadly lacking in lutely no justification for this transfer. the great gift. He will be lucky if the The Librarian of Congress is opposed recall is not applied to him and if he to it because he has no room for it, escapes awakening some morning to and the administration of so large an find that never in his life did he get addition would involve the continuation of the same staff of carefully selected scientific men, while the expense of removal would be a waste of the nation's funds.

When the fact is considered that neither the Surgeon-General nor the Librarian was consulted on so important a measure its unwisdom becomes evident. There is no doubt that the destruction of its autonomy will seriously damage the usefulness of a library that has always been the pride and convenient help of the medical at th profession. It may well be characterized as an act of unwarranted vandalism, and it is hoped that the House will defeat this unaccountable spasm of economy.

In a visit to Hollywood cemetery at Richmond on Friday to honor the memory of Presidents Monroe and Tyler Vice-President MARSHALL distinguished himself by plucking a rose from the grave of General FITZHUGH LEE and with bared head laying it upon the monument raised to JEFFERSON DAVIS. "It is but right and proper," said the Vice-President, "to reverence another

There is no doubt about Mr. Davis's a rose in beautiful Hollywood, an act where AM of Wied has been unable to rule.

In the first Balkan war Servia and forbidden and finable. Mr. Marshall fight it out in their own juice. W. W. W. Greece practically conquered this red deserved to be taken before the authorical services. The service of the served to be taken before the authorical services. The services of the ser Greece practically conquered this re- deserved to be taken before the authorigion. The Greeks overran Epirus, re- ties and made to pay the penalty; but THE PLAGUE OF INSPECTIONS. ducing the stronghold of Janina after as that would give him more publicity

Are there no women detectives in to the Grecian kingdom. Servia after to get enough inside light on the dodesperate fighting took most of the im- ings of the W. S. P. U. to locate its the shores of the Adriatic. She hoped vance information of contemplated outrages ought to be obtainable sometimes. The moral effect of catching a few arsonettes and hatcheteeresses red handed would be well worth the trouble.

> Cuba herself is really on trial in the case of ex-Governor Assert, Representative ARIAS and Senator VIDAL MORALES. who murdered Chief of Police Riva on They admit it. Their theory was that a political assassination was outside the law and they would either go scot free or receive a nominal sen-

close possibility. Italy's secret thought spite the conventional railing at the miseries of life, there is hardly any one who does not secretly hope to live a hundred years himself.

> The immigration authorities held that their standing as students was lost why reason, good sense and moderation are inevitably left out of the makeup

> Representative FLOYD says the labor clauses in the anti-trust bill now pending in Congress will give labor-by which he means the small part of labor banded together in the unions-a bili of rights. Meanwhile the people in general ask what about their rights; they

## A Layman's Question.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE SUN-Sir: If there had to be a new jury and another Judge at the second Becker trial, why shouldn't there be on the mandatory appeal a new SEEKING LIGHT.

YORK, May 24. Two Cooks There Were. EDITOR OF THE SUN-SIF Two cooks there were In history:

at travellers both. It seems to me. One Cook came here

The other at A later date. The Captain did

A thing or two; The natives made A fearful stew

The Doctor did A feat up north; At least he said

One tells around He had while here How natives made

Belongings trod The other vows He found a pole And swears 'twas his Upon his soul.

In tey bed, For the pole a hole Was left instead. And sometimes (!!) talks

Yet as he slept

Goes sailing, riding Golfs and walks Does he e'er think How nice it is To travel 'round And still do biz'

Does he e'er guess That his plain lot te surely what The Captain get? HONOLULU, May 7. WILLIAM P. MANNIX. TWO NATIONS.

Great Britain Terrorized, This Country

Led by the Nose Into Trouble. THE EDITOR OF THE SUN-SIE! OF both sides of the Atlantic we are pre-sented with the melancholy spectacle of the two great nations fallen, apparently, into the paralysis of imbedility

On the other side we see England, to all intents and purposes totally unable to protect her orderly civilization, her vested property rights, her most valuable art treasures, even the dignity of her sov-ereign, against the maniacal assaults of a handful of unsexed furies.

On this side of the great pond the greatest, the richest, the most intelligent, the most powerful nation ever, with the highest mountains and the deepest lakes, &c., with "the most dignified legisla-tive body in the world" (this means the United States Senate), we see this wonder-ful nation drifting without protest, led by the ear without whimpering, into the colossal and impossible task of reorganizing and civilizing an adjoining nation at the sole whim of the completely incompetent amateur politician now in the White House. No ruler in Europe would venture to embark his country in such an enterprise. And yet no voice is lifted in protest! Where are the directors of the many great commercial and financial interests threatened by this criminal folly? Why don't the chambers of commerce the Why don't the chambers of commerce, the bankers' associations, the manufacturers, the stock exchanges, hold meetings of pro-test? Where is Dr. Ellot or Andrew Carnegle or Senator Root? Why are not the Congressmen inundated with letters telling them that if they vote any appropriations for his imbecile crusade political doom is sealed? (This being the only argument which has weight with them.) Are we going to be led like mut-tons into ex-President Taft's half dozen years campaign in Mexico, 400,000 men and \$1,000,000 a day? All this, when the solution of the Mex-

ican problem is within the comprehension of a teething babe. Abandon the whole business—which is certainly none of ours, President is not for paying a tribute tional blockade to prevent the introducand an international force to protect the tion of arms and ammunited and every-else, withdraw from Vera Cruz and every-

### A Loft Tenant Who Must Move, to His Own stopped mail trains and yanked off passen-Loss and His Landlord's.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE SUN-Sir: The editorial "The Plague of Inspections" is timely and much needed at present. "The constant stream of inspectors," "the un-

"going on" sixteen years. The building is old, but through alterations made four years ago at the request of the Building Department is in a better condition than when I moved in. The landlord is perfeetly fair in making repairs, &c., brought

make up the whole number employed on r. For five months we use for heating and gas for lighting; the other seven months we use neither fire nor light. The tenant under me employs about the same number of help and uses light and heat to about the same extent. The fire escapes and stairways are good and are perfectly capable of accommo dating safely the number of people em ployed in this building.

### MOTORCYCLES. Accidents Caused by the Inexperience of

Young Riders.

Perhaps motorcycles are the safest Perhaps motorcycles are the safest pleasure machines in the city if they are in the hands of capable operators, those who have sufficient experience in running fish had been basking on or near the surwhen they soiled their hands with work. The Judge holds that "the right to earn a living should be accorded to a student the same as to any other person under the Constitution of the United States."

The general public keeps on wondering the constitution of the United States."

The general public keeps on wondering which should be avoided if possible. their machines to avoid accidents, except ever an object looms up before them which should be avoided if possible.

Judging by the number of accidents in which motorcycles are involved, often-times they must be in the hands of inexperienced operators, who know just enough about the machines to set them in motion. ered machines, are harmless provided something does not appear in front of them when they are least expecting it. Then, like all inexperienced persons, they lose their heads and forget all about the eral ask what about their rights; they want to know why any special class of persons should have a bill of rights from which other citizens are excluded.

| Comparison of the in the path usually receives the full force

unscrupulous dealers rent the motorcycles persons who have the money but e experience. Does it seem right that high powered machines should be placed in charge of boys and youths who cannot be depended on to think quickly when danger appears? SAFETT. BROOKLYN, May 23.

## NOSEBAGS.

A Hippophile Objects to "These Smothering Abominations.'

TO THE EDITOR OF THE SUN-Sir: that the hot days of summer are drawing near won't you kindly lend your assist-ance in an effort to discourage as far as possible the almost universal use of the nosebag as a means of feeding the work orses of this city?

Most of these smothering abominations

fit closely around the horse's head, admitting a very inadequate supply of and even the largest of them are bu poor unworthy makeshift. To ram a horse's head into a hot, stuffy bag of dusty oats is about as mean and uncomfortable a way to serve the poor beast as could very well be devised, and I cannot understand how any owner who

really cares for a horse can permit such The life of the average city horse is one of almost constant, unvarying hard work; and as these poor beasts have but one real comfort to look forward to in all the years of their existence, i which constitute that one solitary comfort in their monotonously hard but use

ful lives might be so administered as to yield them a maximum of satisfaction.

W. H. Hallock. NEW YORK, May 23.

## Archaisms in the Authorized Version.

From the Saturday Review.
In the real Authorized Version of 1611, King James's Bible, are a good many archa ized, such as "ought him a hundred pence,"
"yer" for "ere," "biles" for "bolls," "fet" "yer" for "ere," "biles" for "bolls," "fet" for "fetched," "gin" for "grin" (a trap), "moe" for "more," and "all to" should be one word at Judges, ix., 53, "all to brake In Psaim cxlv., 3, "Great is the Lord and massellous, worthy to be praised." there should be no comma after "marvelhould be no comma after "marvel- but "Expel him; for he is a stign which is an adverb qualifying amongst the civilized nations of Europe." This correction has been made 'worthy.'

## THE COLORADO STRIKE.

A Former Newspaper Man of Denver on Truth and Fletion.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE SUN-SET: The letter from "Citizen" of Denver on the Colorado strike moves me to repeat what I have just received from a reliable correspondent in Colorado, formerly connected dren of care such as only a mother might with a Denver newspaper: About this Mexican situation I agree

you that it has been bungled to the limit.

In fact, I have yet to hear any one express any other opinion. And it looks as if the Administration is going to mess things up just as artistically in the strike situation here. The labor people are pulling all kinds of political wires. It is amazing how they have "buffaloed" the press. It is practically impossible to get a straight story of the strike situation into a magazine or paper. I have had two examples of that. story from me. Through a mistake their part in ordering it got in too late for six terrific lies, and then they carried this and refused to use it. I haven't had an official explanation, but I am satisfied that it is because I gave them an uncolored You see the Associated Press despatches

telegraphed to the —— (newspaper) by its correspondents at Trinidad. The —— (news-- (newsstrong. Of course it is not surprising that the whole country has been given a wrong idea of the situation. I'm not in love with the C. F. & I. Company or any other coal operating concern. They're a lot of dashed operating concern. They're a lot of dashed hogs, and their political corruption in this State has made a stench here for years. They deserve all the punishment they get, but as an actual fact three-fourths of the recent crimes in the strike district are labor The strikers established that tent crimes. the purpose of beating up the non-union miners who passed. There are six big mines right near Ludlow. The strikers would sneak out of the tents, go up on the hills and fire into the mine properties and then get back to cover.

Those women and children were not killed purposely, but their deaths are chargeable directly to the strikers themselves. It to pretty well established that they were smoth ered long before the fire took place. Greek strikers have practised cruelties that ending changes and alterations," for little would shame an Indian. A lot of profesor no reason, are almost intolerable.

I have occupied a loft undisturbed for "going on" sixteen years. The building women, have taken up the strike end of it here for their own gain, and a delegation is going to Washington to tell a tale of woe Woodrow. It's going to take a man of some backbone to dare to do anything that will give the slightest offence to these labo skates," who think they have things in their hands right now.

How does this strike you? NEW YORK, May 23.

#### THE CHEMIST'S GUIDE'S FISH. Narrow Escape From the Jaws of a Sturgeon and Lake Ontario.

To THE EDITOR OF THE SUN-Sir:

wowed that he would tire the asn out it is took all night to do it.

"Well, I met Webber in Clayton a few days afterward and asked him how he made out with his sturgeon. He told me that he had fought the monster from 5 o'clock, when I was out there, until 11 that night without a thing to eat since noon light without a thing to eat since noon high without a thing to e that day. Becoming exhausted, finally, he was surprised to find the fish appar-ently stronger than ever and even more stubborn. Then he tried to tow the big sturgeon toward shore, hoping to get help To his amazement the fish proved stronger than himself and began to draw its captor off toward Lake Ontario. Then Webenerally refuses to do, and the object in the path usually receives the full force figh in the hope of hitting it over the head and ending the contest in that way. The criminal phase of the matter is that every time he was approached for the

There being apparently nothing else to do Webber most regretfully cut the strong line about midnight and the sturgeon

departed.
"No, Webber did not have any gun or pistol. It is strange that I did not shore and get my own rifle and help him out. I never even thought of it. How a man will follow the ordinary procedure in

#### a case like this NEW YORK, May 24. A NEW HERO.

First Appearance of the City Magistrate

in Fiction.

To the Editor of The Sun-Sir: Now that "The Salamander" is the subject of some current literary discussion, I invite public attention to the originality of the author in at least one particular. So far as I know he is the first man who ever made the hero of his romance a New York city magistrate. Heretofore in the popular imagination the holders of this office have not been regarded as men likely to take for their motto "All for e have not been regarded as men y to take for their motto "All for and the world well lost," as this gentleman does in one of the later chap-

ters of the book. An interesting episode relating to the same hero is told in that part of the book where it appears that a defeated rival of this juristic hero, being the editor of a prominent yellow journal, revenged himself upon the passionate city magistrate preventing his appointment to the ach of the Court of General Sessions. think this'situation is new in literature. NEW YORK, May 24. JAMES M. GRAT.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE SUN-Sir: the Turk a chance; he is all right," de clares Mr. "Globambulant" in THE I do believe that the Turk h ample chances and opportunities to adapt himself to the ways and manners of the civilized world, but instead of doing that he simply proved Asiatic descent by clinging to barbarism closer than ever I presume that Mr. "Globambulant never been out of Boston. If he eve his head." where, however, the printers never been out of Boston. If he ever had have resisted the temptation to substitute the opportunity to visit Turkey, as I have then he would be in a position not to say "Give the Turk a chance; he is all right,

MOUNT VERNON, May 23.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE SUN-SIT! sister feminist from Upper Montclair asks what feminists and suffragists would have done, deprive a family of growing chilgive, or deprive an employer of the services of an employee whom presumably he might readily replace. Feminism, if it means anything at all,

THE FEMINIST CASUIST.

She Decides That Children and Even

"Fathers" Have Rights.

means desire to help those who most need help. Masculinism has by no means ig-nored the claims of the needy, but it often has done so because its aims have been practical first and humanistic second. Feminism aims to be first, last and al-ways humanistic. It desires not to rebut to assist masculinism in work-

on is carried too far when it would sacrifice their buildog edition, and they used a gar- I believe that the feminists first advo-bled account which started off with about cated it because in many cases woman's natural, and often her maternal, instinct were suppressed because she lacked this independence. There are many women There are many women who support aged parents or helpless relatives, and to whom marriage would be a practical impossibility if they were denied the privilege or the right to economic independence. It goes without saying that that is a different story from the story of the bewildered sister feminist from Upper Montclair.

If I seem to have sneered a little at my bewildered sister I have erred unin-tentionally, for I'm certainly keen for her at all, but a true woman and a true feminist. When economic independence serves to develop and to satisfy natural serves to develop and to satisfy natural instincts, making marriage possible to some who otherwise would be deprived of it, or making it unnecessary for those who would prefer single lives, then it is more than justifiable. But when it calls for the sacrifice of natural instincts it is more than unjustifiable; it is cruel. In this case it would have been cruel not only to the children of this bewildered only to the children of this bewildered of the control of the co

mother, and through them to the mother herself, but also to the father.

And I want to say that so far as my kind of feminism goes fathers are entitled to "equal rights." And I don't feel myto "equal rights." And I don't feel my-self at all a traitor to my sex when I remark that I've known a lot of fathers who didn't get equal rights, any more than do some mothers. Feminism doesn't mean playing a lone

hand, except in an unusual case, woman's case was not unusual; she was a normal mother with children who had normal needs which she recognized and supplied after she had had a little session with two kinds of sex consciousness, that of the group and that of the individual. That her individual sex consciousness triumphed is a matter of congratulation, be-cause the problem she dealt with was individual. A traitor? Well, I reckon not. Quite the contrary.

LAUDA R. WILKIE. BROOKLYN, May 23.

A Standard Wage Proposed for Wives. TO THE EDITOR OF THE SUN-Sir: I read with much interest a letter in THE SUN of May 21 entitled "A Traitor to Her Sex" and signed "A Feminist. tain confusion seemed to exist in the writ-Same has only gone up 30 per cent.?

Many men are out of work and don't require a gross dict. In Republican times there was altogether too much times there was altogether too

man might give to a beggar.

The "feminist" point has always seemed ing for more than an hour, but had not yet caught a sight of what he was afoul of. He hoped it was not a sea servent. He hoped it was not a sea serpent.

"Of course I naturally felt curious to er's work in rearing her own children and

where no trace of the husband can found it should mean sufficient support from the city or community to enable a woman to keep her own home and rear her own children. In the case of well do families it should be a recognized al-lowance for the wife above whatever al-lowance is granted for the upkeep of the house and position. I have found many a woman who had a liberal allowance which reflected her husband's position but who

It is humiliating to a woman of pride to be forced to admit that she can send gro-ceries or sheets or blankets to an institution in which she is deeply interested, but is unable to give even \$5 in cash, although the cash value of the articles given is several times greater. Often the liberal several times greater. Often the liberal allowance for food in the house makes it possible to give money in this way with-out the master of the house knowing where it went to. A self-respecting, high minded woman objects to using such indi-rect methods to get the best of her hus-This thought has grown until band. women as a group have said: "You de-grade the business of housekeeping and caring for the children by not recognizing the economic value to the community and paying the woman for the work she ren-

For a woman who is happily and truly married there need be no fight for economic independence. The average high minded man will give his wife her rights. KATHERINE S. DREIER, Member of the Woman's Suffrage Party. New York, May 23.

## "KICKERS."

Jersey Thinker Seems to Confour Them With Cranks and Uplifters.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE SUN-Sir: Why all this talk of the need of "kickers' secure the reform of abuses? And f correspondents of THE SUN, presumably imbued with its wisdom, absurd. A not a nation of habitual "kickers corrigible reformers and fanatical idealists living in a wide world of universal de-nunciation of every recognized custom of mankind and half the processes of nature? Do we not in our individual and colective persons constitute the very osis of the age and art of

protest? What institution, belief, practice tendency has escaped the assaults of chronic "kickers"? What governmental principle, economic law, social relation or personal propensity has lacked condemns tion by a horde of zealous reformers? I the mysterious name of all hidden things, what is there left to "kick" about 'orm save "kicking" and reform them-

selves? The one supreme need of recalcitration is the suppression of "kickers," pa larly in their organized capacities. greatest mercy that can be vouchsafed by a benevolent Providence to a super-repercussed race will be a return to a de-cent respect for individual liberty and an undemented appreciation of the blessings of that freedom which it was the purpose of our ancestors to establish for our en joyment forever. "Kickers"? We don't ed them or want them. The very bowels of the earth are oppressed by the incubus stigma of their accumulation, the systems of the heavens are perturbed by the tension of their gripe.

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# POLICE PENSION FUND IS CALLED A FICTION

Municipal Research Burean Points Out Its Immense Cost to the City.

RESERVE IS INADEQUATE

Some Retired for Disability Hold Jobs in Other Departments.

The administration of the police pension fund is severely criticised in a reporsubmitted to the Curran Aldermanic com mittee by the Bureau of Municipal Re search. The report shows that the fund is a legal fiction; that to provide properly without expense to the city for the pen sions of those now on the rolls and those men now on the force the fund should have had a reserve on February 1, 1913 of about \$65,000,000.

Actuary tables have been compiled to show that within the next eighty-three years more than \$375,000,000 in pensions will be paid to members of the force or will be paid to members of the force or their dependents and of that amount the

officers.

The report says that the future payment of pensions to those now on the rolls will amount to almost \$150,000,000, of which the members of the force, by giving 2 per cent. of their salaries, will contribute something more than \$4,400,000. Under the figures compiled by the bureau only 23 per cent. goes at present for service pensions, 26 per cent. to dependents of policemen and 51 per cent. for disability

#### Deficiency Is Growing.

"In 1910," says the report, "the average pension for every \$100 expended for police service was \$8.60, whereas in 1912 it was \$14.60, and the deficiency in 1912 which the city had to make up amounted to \$1,135,188, or 54 per cent of the total penson fund. The tables indicate that the city eventually will have to pay out \$5,000,000 a year to fulfil the obligations of the fund."

investigations of the bureau bring to light the fact that ten men now on the pension rolls have received from the fund a total of \$321,000 and that ten other pensioners have received \$144,512 from the fund and a total of \$43,953 from the city

as employees of other departments.

The report says that under the present law the able policemen are encouraged to retire when possible to make extra money outside, while the incompetent men are encouraged to remain on the force. Dis-cussion is next given to the retirements for disability and it is pointed out that during six years, 1907 to 1912 inclusive, 1,181 left the service for disability while 344 retired on ordinary service pensions. The report charges that the physical

condition of the members of the force is permitted to deteriorate after entrance and that an abnormal rate of sickness is reported in the department. This com-ment is made: "During a recent investigation of the surgical division of the Police Departmen by the office of the Commissioner of Ac

per cent. In 1911 the rate increased to \$ per cent., and during the first quarter of 1912 showed 3.4 per cent. In the police department of Chicago the average daily sick rate for 1911 was 1.5 per cent., while

In Boston it amounted during the same year to 1.6 per cent."

The present administration is responsi-ble for abnormally increased rate of disability retirements, says the report. reason for this is the extremely loose definition of disability in the law and of he meaning of the term "unfit for ful police duty." Police Commissioner Waldo went on the theory that no officer not fit or full police duty should be retained on the force, though he might be available for many lines of inside work.

## Should Control Surgeons.

"For the protection of the Commissioner and the city as well as the good opinion of the service," says the report, "some means should be provided for bringing the surgeons under administrative control by requiring the submission of reports setor not disability certified to by the surgeons is real.

"Another matter is of importance. The surgeons are not prohibited from carrying on a private practice, in fact from making this their principal source of income They are not even prohibited from includ ing in their private practice the families of the members of the force. This may result in a business relationship between the surgeons and prospective pensioners which may influence the former to grant certificates of disability

certificates of disability."
Investigations showed that many of the policemen retired as disabled are enjoying good health. Of 268 policemen who were found to have good occupations only 93 were retired on service pensions. One of the pensioners, Matthew McConnell, was found to be a trainer of the pensioners. found to be a trainer of boxers. The pension is described as "a patch-work—the result of an unsatisfactory and unscientifically constructed measure There are inadequate provisions for administering the fund and the Police Com-

ne investigator of the applications for ensions and he does not have time to atend to all the work. The trustees of the fund are found to have been negligent. "The officers who are responsible as legal trustees of the fund," says the report, "have not even taken steps to keep the records and col-lect data needed to find out what are the prospective obligations to be met or whether there will be sufficient assets to meet them, and they do not know and never have known the amount of the pres-

missioner, it is pointed out, is not the proper trustee of the fund. There is only

ent or accruing liabilities."

One of the recommendations made by the report follows: "Having in mind the welfare purpose of the fund and the obligations which the city has undertaker is obvious that there are a number apportant questions which execu mportant officers as well as the Board of Estima and Apportionment and other legislativ officers must consider. These question relate to three subjects, viz.; Laws creat ing and controlling the operation of the police pension fund, use of official discre-tion in its administration and plans to

#### finance its requirements." HUMANE SOCIETY ACTS UPHELD. Carmody Denies Application to An-

nul Its Charter. ALBANY, May 24.—Attorney-General Carmody has denied an application made by William A. Mallett of The Bronx. to begin an action to annul the charter of the Humane Society of New York. Mr. Mallett alleged that the society in prosecuting persons accused of crueity to animals was actuated solely by a desire to collect fines, and charged tha

was guilty of using illegal and unlawful means to accomplish such ends. Mr. Carmody's decision is based upon a report submitted by William A. McQuaid. deputy in charge of the New York bureau of the Attorney-General's office. Mr. McQuaid gave a long hearing on the com